

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES)	
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, et al.,)	Case No.: 4:12-cv-01837
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
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BP p.l.c., et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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In re BP p.l.c. Securities Litigation)	MDL No. 2185
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)	Hon. Keith P. Ellison

**STIPULATION AND ORDER RE:
DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs and Defendants, through their respective counsel, agree and stipulate as follows:

1. On April 19, 2012, Plaintiffs filed the Complaint for Common Law Fraud and Violations of Ohio Securities Law (the "Complaint").
2. On May 22, 2012, Defendants filed a Notice of Removal to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio from the Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County.
3. On June 20, 2012, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation transferred this action to this Court as part of MDL 2185.
4. On June 21, 2012, Plaintiffs filed a motion to remand this action to state court (Doc. 384).

5. The parties hereby stipulate that Defendants shall have thirty (30) days from the entry of a decision on Plaintiffs' motion to remand within which to answer, respond or otherwise move against the Complaint, whether such responsive pleading is filed in state or federal court.

6. The filing of this stipulation in this Court is without prejudice to Plaintiffs' position that this case should proceed in state court and by entering into this stipulation, Plaintiffs are not consenting to federal jurisdiction. This stipulation is also without prejudice to Defendants' position that this matter should remain in federal court. This stipulation is also without prejudice to all parties' claims and/or defenses, including but not limited to lack of personal jurisdiction.

Dated: June 29, 2012

STIPULATED AND AGREED:

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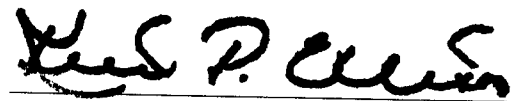
IT IS SO ORDERED.

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